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Transmittal of Continuing Patent Application - Rule 1.53(b)

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Anticipated Classification

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), please file a

- continuation
- continuation-in-part
- divisional

application of pending prior Application No. 08/240,877, filed on May 11, 1994, which is a division of Application No. 07/981,244, filed November 25, 1992 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,325,892), which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 07/891,289, now abandoned.

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Title: Fibrous Filtration Face Mask Having A New Unidirectional Fluid Valve

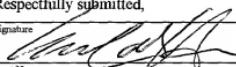
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2. Enclosed is a newly executed oath or declaration.
3. Enclosed is a copy of the specification as filed in the prior application.
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5. Enclosed are two sheet(s) of drawings.
6. The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. (not applicable for CIP)
7. Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
This is a continuation of Application No. _____ filed _____.
8. Please cancel claims _____.
9. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
10. This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. Please delete the names of the following person(s) who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application:

The fee for filing the application is computed as follows:

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 - to 3M Innovative Properties Company is of record in the prior application.
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13. A power of attorney is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,

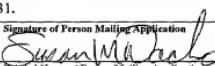
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